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2. There are definitely no shipments of petroleum products from Makhachkala. I am certain that there are no shipments of Tuymazy crude to Gurev. The shipment of Tuymazy petroleum is handled exclusively by Reydtanker and Volgatanker. Kasptanker is entirely divorced from all handling of this crude. Tuymazy crude is handled with more care than gasoline and is considered to present a definite fire hazard. The Tuymazy crude is unloaded from Volgatanker at No 6 oil base in Astrakhan where it is stored until shipped out to Makhachkala on vessels of Reydtanker. The best barges and tankers of the latter agency are used in the transportation of this type of crude. The barges used to include some of the new barges constructed from 1948 to 1951.
3. There was no decrease in the shipments from Baku to Makhachkala in 1950 and 1951. The shipments of Tuymazy crude into Makhachkala simply represented an increase in the volume of crude shipped into that port.

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